



# PORTAGE COUNTY DEMOCRAT

Getting Together - Moving Forward Together - February 2018



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## HQ USE

Karyn Tank reports there were 4 meetings at HQs in December with 93 persons participating.



## Wisconsin Nonpartisan Primary February 20

In the primary election, the two candidates with the most votes then become the candidates in the spring election.

A nonpartisan election allows voters to choose candidates in either party, as opposed to partisan elections where voters select candidates from only one party.

The leadership of PCDP would like you to know which Democrats are running in the February primary. They deserve our support, as they are dues paying members, attend our meetings and share our party values.

Listed below are the offices and candidates on the ballot for the February 20<sup>th</sup> nonpartisan primary election. Those Democrats running have a (D) by their name. Please support them.

Justice of the Wis. Supreme Court	Tim Burns Rebecca Dallet Michael Screneck
Portage Co Executive	Jami Gebert (D) Matt Jacowski Chris Holman
City District 8 Alderperson	Cathy Dugan (D) Allen Prosser Lynn Schulist
District 25 County Supervisor	Anne Abbott Robert Lord James Zdroik

Voters are notoriously apathetic in non-presidential elections! Don't be apathetic!

**VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**

## Make an Impact

Draft a resolution that will be considered for inclusion in the Democratic Party of Wisconsin Platform.

If you need help with your draft, Executive Board member David Pederson is available to help. Contact him at [graniteridgefarm@gmail.com](mailto:graniteridgefarm@gmail.com) or 715-341-6195 prior to the meeting or drafts can be further refined for presentation at the February 13th meeting. There resolutions will then be voted on for submission to the 3<sup>rd</sup> CD Convention.

Resolutions should address an issue of importance to you that is not currently included in the DPW platform.

Please base your resolutions on current issues and they should relate to these four topics:

- Justice, Human Concerns & Democracy
- Education, Labor & Economics
- Foreign affairs
- Agriculture & Environmental

A resolution should follow this form:

WHEREAS, factual statement and observation,  
WHEREAS, additional facts and observations  
THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the DPW supports statement.

Resolutions are restricted to 100 words not including the title.

This resolution was submitted by PCDP and approved at the CD and state level to be included in the DPW Platform:

### JUST CAUSE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES (80 words)

WHEREAS, workers and employees are the lifeblood of a thriving economy,  
WHEREAS, employees need protection from discrimination, persecution and wrongful dismissal, and  
WHEREAS, employees need protection from litigation resulting from wrongful discipline, and,  
WHEREAS, employment is of great value to both the employer and the employee, therefore neither should have employment placed in unnecessary jeopardy,  
THREFORE RESOLVED, the DPW supports that no employee who has completed a probationary period shall be disciplined, suspended or discharged without just cause.

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Evil flourishes when good people do nothing.  
The price of apathy is to be ruled by evil men - Plato.

# WANTED

## *Delegates to the 3<sup>RD</sup> Congressional District Convention*

### CALL TO CONVENTION

**Notice is hereby given that the Democratic Party of the 3rd Congressional District of Wisconsin will hold its annual convention on Saturday, March 10, 2018**

The Monroe County Democratic Party will host the event at:

**American Legion Hall  
1116 Angelo Rd Sparta, WI 54656**

Registration will take place from 9:00-10:30AM, with the call to order beginning promptly at **10:00 AM**.

**NOTE: PCDP is allowed 42 delegates who can vote & 42 alternate delegates who do not vote but can be moved to voting status should a voting delegate be absent.**

**REMEMBER** – the delegates chosen to attend the 3rd CD convention are also considered to be delegates to the state convention in Oshkosh, June 3-4, 2018.

Pre-paid registration is \$25. Delegates are urged to register online or by mail prior to February 24, 2018 so we have a head count for food.

Pay at the door fee is \$30 cash or check.

You may pay online after January 15th using the links at <http://3rddemswi.nationbuilder.com/> or mail a check to the 3rd CD by including the information requested below. The registration form is also available for download from the online registration page.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
County \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
County \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the registration information for each participant. Cost is **\$25 for delegate, \$15 for college Dem or Guest**. Total all registration fees. Make check payable to: Democratic Party 3rd CD Wisconsin and mail your check and completed form before February 24, 2018 to: 3rd CD Dems c/o Mary Von Ruden 407 Pearl St Sparta, WI 54656

## January's Guest Speaker - Doug Stingle



Doug Stingle is the head of North Wind Renewable Energy, the company that we selected to install the Solar panels on the Headquarters' roof this April.

He explained exactly how they would work to provide us with electricity from the sun. He had a smaller sample of the panels that will be installed and explained the cost savings for electricity the PCDP will realize over the years.

He answered questions from the audience and received applause for his interesting talk.



**Capital Campaign fundraiser for the panels, -** Nichole Lynse, chair of the Capital Campaign reported that over \$13,000 had been raised to date to cover the cost of the panels and their installation. The committee members received a hearty round of applause for their efforts.

Ned Grossnickle, committee member, then explained how the donor recognition panel will look and stated that the committee plans to have the panel installed in late April in time for the HQ Open House to show off the solar installation.

## More faces at the January 9 meeting



Candidate Supreme Court  
Tim Burns



Candidate County Executive  
Jami Gebert



Candidate 9<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
Andrew Boden

**League of Women's Voters Candidate Forum**

**Thursday, February 8, 2018  
Portage County Library Pioneer Room**

**5 PM Stevens Point District 8 Alder candidates:** Cathy Dugan, Allen Prosser, Lynn Schulist

**5:45 Portage County Executive candidates:** Jami Gebert, Matt Jacowski, Chris Holman

**7PM Portage County Board District 25:** James Zdroik, Anne Abbott, Robert Lord

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**SPECIAL SHOWING  
BACKPACK FULL OF CASH**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018  
UW-STEVENS POINT - COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES BLDG  
**6:30 - 8:30 PM**



**Admission: Donations for classrooms  
Notebooks, pencils, pens, markers, scissors, highlighters etc.  
to help support our local schools**

About the film: This feature-length documentary, narrated by Matt Damon, explores the growing privatization of public schools and the resulting impact on America's most vulnerable children. Filmed in Philadelphia, New Orleans, Nashville and other cities.

Backpack Full of Cash: takes viewers through the tumultuous 2013-14 school year exposing the world of corporate-driven education "reform" where public education, starved of resources, hangs in the balance.

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# Who should YOU Support for Governor?

By Jack Allgaier

## Possible Democratic Gubernatorial Candidates

1. Michele Doolan
2. Tony Evers
3. Matt Flynn
4. Andy Gronik
5. Bob Harlow
6. Mike McCabe
7. Mahlon Mitchell
8. Kelda Roys
9. Jeff Rumbaugh
10. Paul Soglin
11. Kathleen  
Vinehout
12. Dana Wach

At the right is listed the current list of Democrats campaigning to run against our current governor in the fall election on Tuesday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. This field of twelve (or maybe even more) will be reduced to one after the fall partisan primary on Tuesday, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. How to decide whom to support? If you would like to see and hear these candidates in person in order to make a more informed choice, I offer two suggestions.

1) The UWSP Women's Resource Center is sponsoring a Gubernatorial Forum on campus on Tuesday, March 13. Mark it on your calendar as a "must attend" meeting. I will keep you informed as to which candidates agree to participate, but anticipate that most of the Democrats will be there. There will be more on this forum in our next newsletter.

2) Most of the candidates will also attend the state convention in Oshkosh on June 1 & 2. They will have booths there where delegates can gather print information plus talk to the candidates themselves. Some may even have hospitality rooms after the convention ends on Friday night. If you are interested in being a delegate, contact the co-chairs or myself to have your name added to our delegate list.

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## TRIVIA by Jan Way

Calling all Trivia Fans! At least the ones who like to answer phones for our yearly community volunteer opportunity. **The Trivia Rush of 49** (because it's the 49th year) is happening April 13-15 this year. We will be answering phones Sat. Evening, April 14th from 6-10. Oz asks us to be there by 5:45 to make sure we have everyone. We will be trained and ready to go for an always fun filled evening of each others company and enjoying food and drink donated by area restaurants. We need 18 very special volunteers, so email me or call me to secure your chair. Sue Hall already has hers reserved! [janmway@gmail.com](mailto:janmway@gmail.com) or 715-572-5802



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## **PCDP February 13, 2018 Meeting**

**6 PM Socialization**

**6:30 PM Call to order**

**Speaker - Dan Lathrop, Point of Discovery School**

**Elected Officials & Candidates comments**

**Refreshments & Socialization**

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